

July 14, 2014

PRESENT: Philip Bean, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Rusty Bridle, Selectman
Jim Waddell, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

7:00 PM Public Meeting

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Hearing for Public Input (06:30)

1. Status of the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam

Town Manager Welch gave a synopsis of the history of the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; the Town owns the damn and has the deed; owns the flow rights behind the damn; Town Warrant Article 15 was voted on for \$400,000 to be used to decommission the damn; Article 16 passed for \$235,000 to replace the culverts under High Street; condition that the Town had to receive money from grants; grant was turned down by the Federal Government; the amount of water coming from of the damn exceeds the capacity of the culverts.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to open the Hearing at 7:04 PM SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Cheryl Hurley, 472 High Street, spoke about why the petition for public comment on the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam's future was initiated, and gave the history of the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam and what they are planning to do in the future regarding saving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam.

Norman Hurley, 472 High Street, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam and the plans Mrs. Hurley proposed; would love to see the money dissolved back into the general fund and see new money appropriated for repairs; wants to set up some group to move forward.

Richard Smith, 101 Dunvegan Woods, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam.

Jim Metcalf, 63 Edgewood Drive, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; worried about the impact of the removal of the damn; the Town is obligated to protect it.

Candice Stellmach, 488 High Street, spoke about the intrinsic value of preserving the historic pond and surrounding area; voters need to re-decide this Fall.

David Wood, 4 Ruth Lane, after reviewing more about the dam, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; it's history that cannot be replaced; it's a great resource; will do his part on the budget committee to save it.

Chris Muns, 5 Nersesian Way, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; need to exhaust all means to preserve it; once the change is made it can never be undone.

Fred Rice, 15 Heather Lane, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; one of the functions of the Heritage Commission is to keep an eye on the historic spaces in town; it was well built and well designed to last as long as it has; need to look at it on a regional basis.

Steve Condon, 30 Glen Road, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; is phenomenal for families to hang out and learn.

Kevin Grondin, 6 Mill Pond Lane, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; received estimation of costs, which will not solve all of the problems, of \$50,000-\$60,000; would like to form a committee to look at all the ways to reform the dam and the costs.

Bob Thayer, 44 North Shore Road, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam.

Cheryl Hurley, 472 High Street, it is the most beautiful place on earth; the wildlife is amazing; invites anyone to come and take a look.

Byron Moe, 30 Mill Pond Lane, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; wonderful treasure in our community; when the pond is drained into the Salt Marsh, there is going to be an effect on that eco-structure that needs to be considered.

Ralph Fatello, 3 Marston Way, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; must preserve history and must preserve conservation.

Leslie LaFond, 53 Moulton Road, is in support of preserving the Grist Mill / Old Mill Pond Dam; suggests walking tours to show people what we're trying to preserve.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to close the Hearing at 7:52 PM SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey commented that we are not talking about removing the Grist Mill or the Dam; the subject is the need to get the culver replaced and stop the flooding down there.

Selectman Griffin commented that he understands the importance of the historical structures and preserving Hampton; the Town has a responsibility to the property they control; an example of last year's out of control Board of Selectman that were voted out of office; mislead the public.

Selectman Bridle commented that it's a great area of Town; something that we need to cherish; need to move forward to preserve the area.

Selectman Waddell commented: you cannot replace history; in support of preserving it.

Chairman Bean commented: thank all that have showed up tonight; the room is full; there have been very interesting comments; federal regulations; repair vs dismantling; no talk of removing the building; ecological aspects of it; educational, physical safety, margins from engineers, of youth, historical importance, the town last year and the board last year does the best they can; get a consensus tonight, don't need to make any decisions; refine your spokesperson capabilities and you had talked about integrating with sister boards, the state and Feds and coordinate through Mr. Welch and come back in a month or as it develops; elect spokesperson or team and integrate with that and come up with a plan and streamline this.

Selectman Griffin commented: this is one of the biggest crowds he's seen come out in the ten years he's served.

II. Public Comment Period (1:09:22)

Michael Pierce, 16 Hedman Avenue, stated that Nancy Stiles is signing an award for contributions to the Community of Hampton for Art Gopalan that he wants the board to sign; presenting it to him Sunday at 1:00pm at the Old Salt; he's moving and did a lot of work here and for the school; losing a really good person.

Nancy Stiles, 1 Hayden Circle, thanked the Board for the public hearing tonight; has had several requests for placing a sidewalk near the State Park at the beach; the state has to authorize a crosswalk; asked the commissioner and they would consider putting a crosswalk; feel that it needs a push button light; it's a cost of \$2,000; the state would take cover the initial cost but then it would need to be taken over by the board; it would be a solar light; leave it for discussion and safety for people at the beach.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar (1:13:04)

Selectman Woolsey stated: there was a family that had a medical emergency; received a nice letter from the family to the Fire Department thanking them for their care; highlights how lucky we are to have the professionals serving us in this community.

Selectman Bridle stated: would like a moment of silence for Brad Bailey, Sr. who was a long term resident in Hampton that passed away this week.

Selectman Waddell stated: would like to congratulate the beach lifeguards.

Chairman Bean stated: agrees with Selectman Waddell; he's down at the beach all the time and it's immaculate; this is a world class community.

IV. Consent Agenda (1:16:34)

1. Entertainment License and Posted Permit: McGuirk's Ocean View
2. Parade and Public Gathering Licenses: St. Patrick's Church 100th Anniversary; Experience Hampton Summer Concert; Hampton Beach Seafood Festival;
3. Use of Town Property: Chamber of Commerce for the Seafood Festival
4. License for Coin Operated Amusement Devices: Tidewater Campground LP; Seacoast United Sports Club
5. Solicitation Permit: Professional Firefighters "The Burn Foundation & Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drives"

6. Banner/Sign License: Hampton Historical Society "Pig Roast"
7. Raffle Permit: Hampton Historical Society "Pig Roast"
8. Dance Hall Permit: Casino Mini Golf
9. Taxi Operators License: Charmingfare Farm - Briana Donovan
10. Use of Electronic Signage – Granite State Wheelman Tri-State Century Bicycle Event 09-20/21-14

Selectman Woolsey MOVED the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Appointments (1:16:45)

1. Ed Tinker, Chief Assessor
 - a. 2013 Abatement #2013-04 RMMC Liberty Lane LLC. 1 Liberty Lane

Mr. Tinker stated: presenting the final abatement for 2013; the refund amount is recommended in the amount of \$19,421.42.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to approve the 2013 Abatement for \$19,421.42 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Dyana Martin, Director Parks and Recreation (1:17:51)
 - a. Departmental Update

Ms. Martin stated: how busy the parks crew is; painted all the dugouts and repaired them from winter damage; doing the mowing contract with Professional Profiles; received and preparing bids for the lights at Eaton Park; working on light rebate program through Unifit for the same bid; TruGreen Chemlawn has started their maintenance program; called Dig Safe for putting the new signs at Tuck and Eaton Park; new scoreboard installed at Eaton Park; preparing and painting ball fields; picking up trash at the parks and parking lots; cleaning Tuck Building daily as it's being used every day but Sundays; acquiring figures for new equipment; overseeing the building of the parks garage, it's almost done, just waiting on the overhead doors; set-up and broke down for the I'm Trying 5K Road Race; set up equipment for the lifeguard which is in now in season; the Ashworth Avenue Parking Lot opened earlier this year; as of July 7th have taken in \$227,275 in all three lots compared to last year \$208,000; DPW helped install a new bathroom at the Church Street shed; summarized all the programs, trips and events for the summer and upcoming season which can be found on their website; hired 6 staff for lifeguards and trying to stay on budget with having only 5 on duty at a time.

Selectman Woolsey asked: what's the best case scenario with the lights at Eaton Park.

Ms. Martin answered: if can get it completed this week and all the approvals, it needs to go out for 2 weeks; has been told from MUSCO that it will take 4-6 weeks to get the equipment; should be ready for the Fall league.

Selectman Woolsey thanked her for the bathroom at Church Street lot.

Selectman Griffin commented: thank you for the report and doing all these things.

Selectman Bridle commented: excellent report; good to hear the employees are friendly in welcoming people at the beach; the park and parking lot employees are great employees.

Selectman Waddell commented: amazed at how much gets done with such a small staff.

Chairman Bean commented: thank you and great job as usual.

3. Chief Sullivan, Police Department, Departmental Update Rescheduled to July 28th.

4. B.J. "Doc" Noel, President and Jude David, Director of Special Events, Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce

a. Use of Town Property or the Seafood Festival Parking

Mr. Noel stated the Chamber is receiving rave reviews from the visitors at the beach so far this summer.

Ms. David gave an overview of the events planned for the Seafood Festival September 5-7; information can be found online at hamptonseafoodfestival.com; Disney Channel is going to be there doing a live taping of Win, Lose or Draw; double fireworks to wow everyone; it takes 600 volunteers to run the whole event; work closely with the Hampton Police, Fire and DPW for the bus routes and lanes; usually receive 8 parking passes and in the past 2 years request the town lots at 8am until 10pm during those days.

Selectman Griffin confirmed that they are just asking for the same as in past years.

Selectman Bridle commented: they do an excellent job every year; it benefits our town.

Mr. Noel commented: bring a tremendous amount of attention to Hampton and people come from all over.

Selectman Waddell commented: do a super job and it's a great benefit to the town.

Selectman Griffin MOVED to support the Seafood Festival SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Approval of Minutes (1:42:30)

1. June 30, 2014

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to ADOPT the June 30, 2014 minutes SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Town Manager's Report (1:42:44)

1. The Department of Public Works has filed a non-binding exploratory application for a \$147,500 – 2015 Watershed Assistance Grant to replace the culverts on High Street below the Grist Mill Dam.
2. Two bids for the drainage work on High Street and Lafayette Road were received both were over the appropriation; which included FEMA funds allocated for the work. Reevaluation of the engineering and bid requirements has begun.
3. The Town still has vacancies on various Board, Committees, and Commissions, and are listed on the Town Website, please review and contact the Selectmen's Office if you have an interest of filling any of these positions.

4. The Town continues to receive complaints from various citizens concerning unpermitted parking lots in operation at Hampton Beach. If you wish to use your property for parking, please contact the Planning Department concerning the necessary permits required for that use.

Town Manager Welch stated: will be ready at the next meeting to address the proposed legislative policy positions for the municipal association.

Selectman Woolsey commented: DPW front end loader has a wheel off and is that waiting for the emergency crew to take it.

Town Manager Welch answered that we're looking to do the final disposition on that piece of equipment.

Selectman Woolsey commented: in regards with the Planning Board and parking, is there a way to focus them on parking including both uptown and at the beach.

Town Manager Welch stated that the ordinance does not require businesses to have parking.

Selectman Bridle commented: agrees with Selectman Woolsey in regards to the parking issues; asked to get some business cards for the Selectmen.

Town Manager Welch stated: it'd be no problem to get them.

VIII. Old Business (1:47:55)

1. Entertainment Activities Ordinance
 - a. Minutes of 12-16-2013 Selectmen's Public Hearing on amending Chapter 149 Entertainment Activities
 - b. Minutes of 03-11-2014 Town Meeting Deliberative Session for Warrant Article 33
 - c. Chapter 149 Entertainment Activities Amended 03-11-2014

Selectman Woolsey commented: enforcement with the noise meters.

Town Manager commented: suggests that we hold this for the next meeting and ask the Chief to discuss the issue.

Chairman Bean stated: if we have a consensus on this; if we can have some explicit information request through the Town Manager to the Police Department.

Selectman Bridle asked: if we have information on the decimal reader; the natural dim on the beach is above.

Selectman Griffin commented: it needs to include the motorcycles.

Selectman Woolsey commented: the Police Department spent a huge amount of time on it last year.

Selectman Woolsey commented: been in contact with Representative Emerick in regards to the CIP; need to spend time reviewing and needs to make some adjustments; there are huge number of needs coming up.

Chairman Bean commented: documentation was provided from the command element on research on the taxi ordinance.

Selectman Griffin commented: all the major towns, Manchester is the only town that has the second highest at \$500,000 and we need to take another look at it.

Note: Draft minutes are subject to corrections, additions and deletions.

Selectman Bridle stated: the only way to change that is with a warrant article.

Selectman Griffin MOVED to make a Selectman's sponsored warrant article to change this to at most \$300,000 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Selectman Woolsey commented that the job of the Selectman is to avoid liability; have to watch out; don't want to place the Town in a position where there are accidents and have problems; talking about commercial liability insurance.

Selectman Waddell commented: agree that it's too high; liability is our responsibility as well; suggested more research into what it should be and come back.

Selectman Bridle commented: happy with that; need to look at it and have a Selectmen's sponsored warrant article.

Chairman Bean would like to thank Selectman Woolsey for her work on that ordinance; read the email from Mr. Latham.

Selectman Griffin asked if Surfside is the only taxi in town.

Town Manager Welch commented that Surfside's license is lapsed.

Selectman Griffin commented: then we don't even have a taxi in town.

Chairman Bean commented that March is a long way off, so we'll have time to research it and revisit this strongly.

Selectman Bridle commented if they have multiple taxis, they can license one in town.

Selectman Woolsey commented we are not talking about vehicles that are operating in just Hampton; they go out of town and out of state.

IX. New Business (2:02:49)

Selectman Woolsey asked for a date to be set for the CIP meeting.

Chairman Bean stated that the summer schedule is set and done by vote and any agenda item requested is put on the agenda; makes more sense to go into at the Fall with the busy summer season for employees.

Town Manager Welch commented that the documents have arrived for the refinancing of the bonds to be signed by the board.

X. Closing Comments (2:04:34)

Selectman Woolsey stated: going back a couple of weeks ago regarding the State of New Hampshire; would like to sit down with the State after the summer season

XI. Adjournment of Public Meeting (2:05:54)

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to ADJOURN the Public Meeting at 8:54 PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman